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INFORMATION FOR SCHOOLS

ADMINISTERED BY THE LOCAL EDUCATION AUTHORITY

The Parents' Union School issues a common curriculum for all classes of schools, Independent and L.E.A., as well as for children in Home Schoolrooms.

The Heads of schools under a Local Education Authority are urged to take up this work for the advantage of the children and the satisfaction of the teachers, and with a view to the well-being of the nation. Experiments prove that the scheme works remarkably well in such schools.

The Head Teachers should become members of the Parents' National Education Union; subscription £5. 5. 0., including the Parents' Review; for this subscription they may receive copies of the appropriate programmes and examination questions without further fee.

Schools under a L.E.A. are qualified to use the Parents' Union School curriculum upon the following conditions:

1. That the programmes shall be worked out in as many subjects as possible, including all the historical, literary, scientific and art subjects, throughout the school.
2. That, if possible, each pupil shall have, and read for himself, his own books, as set in his programme.
3. That sets of answers shall be submitted for examination at the usual times; one set for each of the P.U.S. Forms, and that all the members of each Form take the examination.

The Fresh syllabus every term does not mean that the books

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are renewed each term; in many subjects they cover a two years' course, so that teachers can easily estimate the work for one year or two by adding on about the same number of pages for each succeeding term. The books used for Literature, and the Picture Study reproductions change each term, but are replaced by others of about the same size and price, so that the cost can readily be estimated.

The cost of books is an outlay in advance for, say, one year; at the end of that time it will generally be found that the cost falls within the usual average for the school.

No expense beyond that of books and P.U.S. membership attends the introduction of this work into L.E.A. schools.

Teachers are earnestly advised not to pick a few books from the programmes and attempt to work with them, without taking examinations. The attempt would fail, because, simple as the regulations of the P.U.S. are, each of them is essential, and a school in which the examinations are not taken is practically wasting time on the books and would do better work on whatever scheme it is at present working.

Head Teachers should read one or more of Charlotte Mason's books and if possible visit an independent PNU school or one under a L.E.A. where the programmes are in use; a visit to an Independent school could be arranged by the Director of the P.U.S. to whom application should be made for an admission form to the P.U.S. They would be advised to obtain the permission of their L.E.A. for this step.

All letters about the School and the programmes should be sent to Ambleside. The PNU subscription should be sent to the PNU Office, Murray House, Vandorn Street, London, S.W.1.